



Grand Rapids Coin Club

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Dear Fellow Numismatist!

My Two Cents...

April 2019

April finds me in New York City. I could not resist the opportunity to visit the nation's oldest coin dealer – Stack's – on West 57th Street. It is nestled between the Salisbury Hotel and the David Gallery, a high-end resale shop. Stack's is about thirty feet wide and an unknown depth – I could see back about fifty feet. The sales area has several easy chairs and a table. Brilliantly lit showcases filled with coins ranging from gold to ancients wind along the length. There were two salesmen in attendance. One was on the phone during our visit. The other, a younger man, was very kind to answer our several questions, the more important question was if we could take a couple of pictures. There was a long, glass-doored bookcase with titles varying from recent catalogues to "Money of the Caribbean." My daughter asked to see Two-Cent pieces but the younger salesman stated that most of the inventory was in California. It was great to have visited the grandest numismatic store in the US!

We need volunteers for the club show on April 27th. Help with set up, help unloading dealers at 7:15 am, help at the club table and on the floor, 2 people at lunch time, 2 people for 45 minutes for take down. Sign ups will be at the next club meeting on April 25.

Be sure to attend our April meeting, Thursday, April 25th, at the Boat and Canoe Club, North Park Street at Monroe Ave.

The Sign In Front



The "Stacks" To Hold The Coins



The Bookshelf



Me, In Front of the Gold ATM



That's My Two Cents!

John Twist

President, Grand Rapids Coin Club

NEXT MEETING APRIL 25 - 7:00PM

BEYOND COMMON

1965 - The World I Was Born Into

Commemoratives With Multi-Dates That Include 1965

Part Of An Award Winning Educational Coin Exhibit

Recipient of the “People’s Choice Award” 2019 MSNS Spring Show

Masjid Negara, Malaysia's National Mosque

1965-2015 50th Anniversary of Masjid Negara - Established August 27, 1965

The nation of Malaysia, located in Southeast Asia, was formed on September 16, 1963. Malaysia is a federation of several former British colonies that originally included: Federation of Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore. The official state religion of Malaysia is Islam. As an Islamic state, they soon began construction of Masjid Negara, which translates as National Mosque. Masjid Negara is located in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur. The mosque was designed by Howard Ashley, Hisham Albakri and Baharuddin Kassim. The chief engineer in charge of the construction was Antony Morris. The mosque was designed to look like an open umbrella. It is surrounded by 13 acres of gardens, and has the capacity to hold 15,000 people. Masjid Negara officially opened on August 27, 1965. To commemorate Masjid Negara's 50th Anniversary, Malaysia produced 3 multi-dated common designed commemorative coins, a gold proof, a colorized silver proof, and a nordic gold coin that is available in uncirculated and proof.

Common Obverse: The center of the coin shows the overall view of Masjid Negara. The words “JUBLI EMAS MASJID NEGARA” (translates Golden Jubilee of National Mosque) are on the upper circumference of the coin while “MASJID NEGARA” words in Jawi script ارakan دجس م are on the upper right side of the coin. The years 1965 - 2015 denoting 50 years of anniversary are inscribed on the lower circumference of the coin with the landscape of Masjid Negara.

Common Reverse: The words “BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA” (translates National Bank of Malaysia) as the issuing authority of the commemorative coin is featured on the upper circumference of the coin, while the face value of the coin is inscribed on the lower circumference. In between, the event logo shows a 13 pointed star like design within which the National Mosque is shown along with half crescent and star mark of Islam, with Jawi script ارakan دجس م يلبوچ نتوبم س which translates “Welcome Golden Jubilee of the National Mosque”. These coins are not yet listed in the “Standard Catalog of World Coins”, so they do not yet have a KM#.



**2015 Malaysia 10 Ringgit
1965-2015 50th Anniversary of Masjid Negara**

Metal Silver; Fineness 0.999; Weight 31.1 grams; Diameter 40.7 mm;
Shape Round; Edge Reeded; Orientation Medal alignment ↑↑; Mint: The
Royal Malaysian Mint in Shah Alam, Selangor. Max Mintage Colorized
Silver Proof 4,500.



**2015 Malaysia 1 Ringgit
1965-2015 50th Anniversary of Masjid Negara**

Metal Nordic Gold (Cu89 Zn5 Al5 Sn1); Weight 8.5 grams; Diameter 30
mm; Thickness 1.8 mm; Shape Round; Edge Reeded; Orientation
Medal alignment ↑↑; Mint: The Royal Malaysian Mint in Shah Alam,
Selangor. Max Mintage Brilliant Uncirculated 25,000.

This coin will be featured as one of the **Raffle Prizes**
- complete with original blister pack packaging.



Treasurer's Report

March 2019

Receipts: \$355.33

Expenses: \$468.62

Gain: \$186.61

Long Term Assets: \$4691.01

Cash: \$4243.27

Total Assets: \$8934.28

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Nyburg, Treasurer

DATE	DAY	TIMES	SITE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Apr 25	Thu	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Schaumburg Illinois	Renaissance Convention Center	1551 North Thoreau Drive Schaumburg IL 60173
Apr 26	Fri	10:00 am - 5:00 pm			
Apr 27	Sat	10:00 am - 3:00 pm			
Apr 27	Sat	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Grand Rapids	Neil Fonger American Legion Post 179	2327 Wilson Avenue SE Grand Rapids MI 49534
Apr 27	Sat	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Clarkston	American Legion Post 63	8047 Ortonville Road Clarkston MI 48348
Apr 28	Sun	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Redford	VFW Hall	27345 Schoolcraft Road Redford Twp MI 48239
May 4	Sat	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Jackson	American Legion Post 29	3200 Lansing Avenue Jackson MI 49202
May 4	Sat	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Muskegon	USS LST-393 Veterans Museum	560 Mart Street Muskegon MI 49440
May 5	Sun	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Southfield	VFW Hall	24222 West 9 Mile Southfield MI 48033
May 5	Sun	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Rockford	Rockford Sportsman's Club	11115 Northland Drive Rockford MI 49341
May 11	Sat	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	Howell	Howell Recreation Center	925 West Grand River Howell MI 48843
May 11	Sat	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Flint	Dort Mall	3600 South Dort Highway Flint MI 48507
May 12	Sun	11:00 am - 3:00 pm			
May 18	Sat	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Grand Rapids	Neil Fonger American Legion Post 179	2327 Wilson Avenue SE Grand Rapids MI 49534
May 19	Sun	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Redford	VFW Hall	27345 Schoolcraft Road Redford Twp MI 48239

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This section contains Grand Rapids Coin Club Secretary's Reports from Days Gone Bye. This months selections come from 1969, 1989, & 2009.

THE GRAND RAPIDS COIN CLUB April 22, 1969

The 225th meeting of the Grand Rapids Coin Club was held in the Community room at Eastbrook Mall. Our President, Mr Tiemann called the meeting to order at 8:15 and made the 58 members and guests welcome.

The secretary's minutes and the Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Mr Tiemann informed us that our spring coin show, of April 19th and 20th was a huge success both in fun and profit and Mr VerSluy's report confirmed the latter.

Mr VerSluy's asked members if they would like the club to contribute to an organization that will authenticate coins for members. A motion for \$50.00 was made and seconded. Then the question arose as to whether this organization was for authenticating coins or to stop the copying or restriking of "key" coins. It was then tabled until more research can be made.

This meeting, in the "special" raffle, 12 tickets were drawn and the lucky ones were given prizes and then were allowed to keep them or trade them for an unseen prize--some made good trades but one unlucky member traded a metal coin box for a green skirt. And Mr Cooley who probably knows more about coins than any other member, found out the price of groceries the hard way, by losing.

Mr Tiemann showed a 29 minute film on the "Rendezvous of Gemini VI & VII". This film showed in its entirety the planning, the orbiting and the re-entry of these space capsules.

After the film, we had our usual raffle and auction--coffee, punch and a variety of rolls and doughnuts were available.

Submitted by M. Wright

P.S. Three new members signed at this meeting.
+ as of May 1st, 1969 the Club has
123 paid-up members

April 23, 2009

The 664th meeting of the Grand Rapids Coin Club was called to order by our Vice President, Bob Wilson at 7 P.M.. John Twist had a nice presentation on Two Cent pieces and answered questions when he was done.

After a brief break the Business meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m..

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report was read and approved.

As for old business. There was some discussion about our last club show attendance, hours, food and the use of table coverings. All Vendors at future Club Shows at the Legion Hall must use table cloths to protect the tables.

As for new business: The State MSNS show is this weekend in Dearborn. Centerpoint Mall Coin Show May 2.

A thanks went out to those who helped at the club show.

The drawings were held next: Diane Lanesky won the Visitors drawing. There were no Juniors present. Life member winner was #52 Les Smith. Senior winner was Jeff Tryka. Robert Korstange won the 50/50 drawing and took home \$20.

The raffle, with many good prizes, took place. Ed Schneider won the \$25 Thanksgiving Lotto Jackpot.

Butch Coulier conducted the auction and the meeting concluded at 9:15 PM.. 37 people were present.

Respectfully Submitted
Geri Timmer
Secretary

April 1989
The 446th meeting of the Grand Rapids Coin Club was called to order by the President, Jack Tomasz, at 7:40pm in the Boat and Canal Club on April 27, 1989.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Jack announced that the picnic will be at Beulah Walker Park on 84th Street on Aug 17.

The Christmas Party was tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday in December, the 21st.

The coin show is tentatively scheduled for Oct 14 at Grand Village Mall. It was decided that anyone selling 10 or more raffle tickets for the show would be given a free ticket for each ten sold.

In June the Juniors will elect officers who will replace the current officers for the June meeting.

In July, we have someone from the Sheriff's Department who will talk to us about security. In August, Rick Hoff will tell us about the New Orleans mint.

After break we held the Visitor's drawing, the Senior drawing, the Junior gift and the regular raffle.

Kevin Bolte conducted the auction. --

There were about 62 persons present and the meeting concluded at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy M. Patterson

The Great American Coin Hunt - National Coin Week April 21 - 28 2019



The United States Mint has announced, starting April 1st, they will start releasing 10 million "W" mint marked quarters into circulation, mixed in with its normal production at a rate of about 1%. Two million of each design will be released. Making them the lowest circulation issued quarter since the 1937-S, which had a mintage of 1.6 million. With a mintage of two million each, they will be the fourth lowest mintage in the Washington Quarter series issued for circulation. But don't expect to see them too soon, as it is likely to take 4-6 weeks before they actually enter commerce. Detroit will be one of the first 29 financial markets that the Federal Reserve will be shipping the "W" mint marked quarters to.

I project values for the "W" mint marked quarters to skyrocket, with all coins being handled for circulation, high grade examples may be difficult to find. My estimate is \$100 for MS67, \$60 for MS66, and \$40 for MS65. I don't expect the BU (MS60 – MS64) to be graded, but they should still trade for around \$5 - \$25. Even the circulated examples should trade for \$1. But once initial demand is filled, I suspect that prices will drop for all, except the highest graded examples. UPDATE: At the 2019 MSNS Show - these "W" quarters were priced at \$50.

Note: The United States Mint has issued "S" mint marked brilliant uncirculated quarters since 2012, but these have been sold directly to collectors, not placed directly into circulation. The "S" mint marked National Parks Quarter series often have mintages below one million. For example, the Pictured Rocks "S" mint marked quarter sold 4,163 – 1000 coin bags, 3,846 individual rolls, and 8,911 rolls as part of a set, for a total of 926,580 coins.

In addition to the "W" mint marked quarters. Numismatists nation wide will be putting up to one million collectible coins into circulation, during National Coin Week April 21 – 28. So tell the kids to keep an eye on the change and strike it rich, #greatamericancoinhunt. <https://www.greatamericancoinhunt.com/>

- Nick Alles

Secretary's Report from March 28, 2019

Our 773rd meeting was opened by our President John Twist on March 28, 2019

THANK YOU

Old Business: If you're getting this newsletter- congrats you paid your dues! THANK YOU! The MSNS show was last weekend - April 12-14, I was there Sunday and had a good time! Thank you everyone who helped from both our club and Muskegon. A few of our guys drove down several times to volunteer. You are the real MVM's (Most Valuable Members!)

New Business: Thank you to John Twist for his "State of the Club" speech.

Our Drawing winners were: Visitor: Drew Garber; Life Member: Nick Alles; Senior: Paul Brown; Junior: Cameron Ream. Thanksgiving Lotto: No one this month. The 50-50 was won by Nick Alles @ \$13.50.



MSNS Show Volunteers

The meeting was successful with 44 people present. The general raffle went well along with our auction. See you in April.

P.S. If anyone has Euro's laying around, I am taking a trip to the Netherlands and would love to buy them from you!

Respectfully submitted, Dessirae Rykse